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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION TO SPONSOR CONSUMER CONFERENCE

1. A "CONSUMER FORUM" INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL CONSUMER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE NINE EC COUNTRIES WILL BE HELD IN BRUSSELS DECEMBER 2 AND 3. IN ALL, BETWEEN 150 AND 200 PERSONS ARE EXPECTED AT THE SESSIONS, ACCORDING TO KAREN MOLLER, HEAD OF THE EC'S CONSUMER INFORMATION AND EDUCATION DIVISION.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSUMER FORUM WILL BE TO REPORT ON THE COMMISSION'S THREE YEARS OF ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND ALSO (IN MOLLER'S WORDS) TO "LISTEN TO THE CONSUMERS." THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE SMALLER WORKSHOPS IN THREE AREAS: (A) HEALTH AND SAFETY, (B) CONSUMER LEGISLATION, AND (C) EDUCATION, INFORMATION, AND REPRESENTATION.

3. INVITATIONS TO THE MEETING ARE BEING SENT OUT BY EC VICE PRESIDENT CARLO SCARASCIA MUGNOZZA, WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE CONSUMER INTERESTS. PLANS ARE

BEING COORDINATED WITH THE EC'S 25-MEMBER CONSUMERS' CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

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4. THROUGH THE EC'S WASHINGTON OFFICE, VIRGINIA H. KNAUER, THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, IS BEING INVITED TO THE CONSUMER FORUM AS AN OBSERVER. HINTON

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